

Application No. 10/743,632  
Amendment dated August 17, 2005  
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Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed is a proposed correction to Fig. 3. The proposed correction replaces numeral "16a" with numeral "16b" to indicate the frame section of assembly 10 as is described at lines 1 and 2 of paragraph [020].

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 4, 6, and 8 - 14 are in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the remarks appearing below herein.

1. The objection to claim 6 has been overcome, as suggested by the examiner, by replacing the term "is" with --- its---. Applicants appreciate the examiner's mention of this inadvertent typographical error.

2. Enclosed is a copy of Fig. 3 showing a proposed change thereto. The proposed change substitutes the numeral 16b for the numeral 16a originally present. This change is proposed in order to make the drawing coincide with the supporting text in the specification. See paragraph [020] and in particular the first two lines of that paragraph.

3. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,132,704 ("Nakagawa"). It is noted that the examiner apparently intended to include claim 4 in this ground of rejection in view of the comments made with respect to claim 4 on page 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakagawa in view of U.S. Patent 4,660,052 ("Kaiya et. al.").

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These grounds of rejection are moot in view of the amendments made in the claims.

4. Claims 7, 8 and 9 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claims 5 and 7, now canceled. As amended, claim 1 now recites, in pertinent part:

a member having a low friction surface adapted to mimic said curvature of at least one said platen roller in alignment therewith across a lateral portion of the print media path not spanned by said at least one platen roller.

Nakagawa and Kaiya et al., viewed individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the thermal printer assembly of amended claim 1 or claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 which are dependent therefrom, either directly or indirectly.

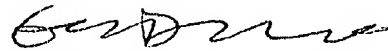
Claims 10 - 14 have been added to the application. New independent claim 10 recites the subject matter of original claims 1 and 9. In addition, new claims 11 - 14, which are dependent from claim 10, have been added to the application. Claim 10 recites a thermal printer assembly which includes a frame adapted to position a first plurality of thermal print heads to print from a first side of a print media path and a second plurality of thermal print heads to print from a second side of a print media path.

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Nakagawa and Kaiya et al., viewed individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the thermal printer assembly of new claims 10 - 14.

In summary, claims 1, 2 - 4, 6 and 8 - 14 are in the application for consideration. The claims are proper in form for allowance and in substance are directed to a wholly novel and patentable thermal printer assembly. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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